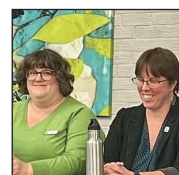


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Women of Greenbelt Past

Fredericka Martin: Finding A Home Everywhere She Went

by Deanna Dawson



PHOTO COURTESY ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE ARCHIVES

Fredericka Martin stands tall in the center of the middle row, with American Medical Bureau colleagues in Spain in 1937.

Fredericka Martin came to Greenbelt in April of 1939 to be the supervising nurse at the new Greenbelt hospital. Born in 1905 in Cooperstown, N.Y., Martin graduated nursing school in Christ Hospital in New Jersey and served as supervisor and head nurse in several hospitals in New York City. During the early 1930s, she became active in the nurses' union, attended political science classes, began to study foreign languages and first went abroad in 1935, traveling to Eng-

land, Germany and Russia.

Concerned about the growing threat of fascism in Europe, Martin joined the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy and went to Spain in January 1937 to serve as chief nurse and administrator of the American Hospital division, supervising the work of 54 nurses and helping to set up six hospitals. (In 1936-38, 2,800 American volunteers, collectively known as the Abraham Lincoln

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Citizens Police Academy Has Largest Class Since Pandemic

by Laura Charleston

This year's Greenbelt Citizens Police Academy has received an overwhelming response, resulting in one of the largest classes yet. Due to the high number of applicants, police had to turn some applicants away.

"There's definitely an interest out there for it. So that had me excited. You always want to have people who want to be present in your classes," said Ricardo Dennis, the Greenbelt Police Department's (GPD) public information officer.

The 10-week course, which began Thursday, March 7, allows attendees to learn more about police work and covers diverse topics like crime and patrol procedures, CPR, what to do in an active threat attack, de-escalation and more.

Tim White, deputy police chief, says it gives attendees an "eye-opening experience." The program aims to foster understanding and communication between the GPD and the residents, combining classroom and hands-on instruction, said the department.

"TV glamorizes the highlights of law enforcement, but there's a lot of [other] stuff that takes place," said Dennis. While crime and law enforcement television shows create drama by highlighting and exaggerating aspects of



PHOTO BY LAURA CHARLESTON

Greenbelt Citizens Police Academy class

police work and investigations, the academy gives members of the public a more realistic idea of what happens during an investigation, the duties of police officers and the different situations they experience. There's a "huge difference" with what the public sees on TV, notes Dennis.

Real-life Application

Dennis has planned the lessons to provide information that residents can apply in real-life situations. "Knowing CPR ... and getting your certification, I think that's something everybody can have and use," he told the News Review. For example, the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) is active threat assessment, which "teaches people what to do if you're ever involved in active shooter situations," or other dan-

gerous situations involving many people, said Dennis.

The Class Members

The application requirements to participate in the citizens academy include being 18 years or older; either living, working or going to school in Greenbelt; having no prior felony or misdemeanor convictions; and not missing more than one of the classes.

"So there's a lot of things that I'm knowledgeable about, but just wanting to gain some more knowledge and plus I relocated my residence to Greenbelt," said TeArria Cannon, one of the students in this year's citizens police academy.

There are 12 participants in the class, an increase from the

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Standard School Bells Will Mean Significant Changes for Greenbelt

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

School bell times will be consolidated across the county beginning in August this year. For the next school year there will only be three start times for schools, each an hour apart and dismissal will be at one of six standardized times. The changes were announced by the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) administration at the March Board of Education meeting and are part of attempts to implement recommendations from the recent transportation audit and rectify several years of transportation challenges for the county.

The new start time for all public elementary schools in Prince George's County will be 7:30 a.m. The start time for Pre-K to 8 academies and middle schools will be 8:30 a.m., and

the start for high schools will be 9:30 a.m. Six release times have been announced: 1:40 p.m., 2:10 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 3:40 p.m. and 4:10 p.m. The Board of Education said it will announce the impact on specific schools next month.

Greenbelt Schools

Though PGCPS projects minimal impact on most schools by these standardized bells, the changes in Greenbelt look significant. PGCPS reports that most

schools (57 percent) should expect to shift 15 minutes or less, 33 percent are expected to see no change, seven percent should expect a shift of 16 to 30 minutes

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What Goes On

Monday, April 1
Easter Monday, No City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 2
7:00 p.m., Council Work-session: Council Retreat Follow-Up, Municipal Building
Wednesday, April 3
7:30 p.m., Council Work-session: T-Mobile Tower Permit Application and Budget: Planning and Community Development, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

School buses in traffic near Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Labor Day Festival Officers



PHOTO BY BERNIE GORMALLY

The Labor Day Festival Committee held its annual meeting on March 12. At the meeting, they elected a new board of directors and started planning for this year's Festival. More volunteers are welcome to join the committee.

Pictured from left, Wayne Williams (historian), Amy Knesel (volunteer coordinator), Donna Peterson (vice president), Linda Ivy (outgoing president, now at-large board member), Keith Zevallos (at-large board member), Diane Siegel (assistant to the treasurer), Jon Gardner (treasurer), Davina Johnson (booths, on the laptop screen held by Gardner), Karen Yoho (president) and Kathy Reynolds (secretary)

Letters to the Editor

G12 Bus Is Needed

Thank you for the article about the G12 bus being eliminated.

I have an autistic adult son who relies on the G12 to get to and from his job as a pastry packer in D.C. He leaves at 6 a.m. every day to arrive at work on New York Avenue by 8. The elimination of the G12 this summer would add an additional hour for him, travelling to work and an added hour coming home. We need this bus for him to stay employed and to have a smidgen of work-life balance. So I'd like to write to someone who is part of the decision making to keep this bus line active and alive as it is.

Tammy Sibert

Incineration Response

This letter is in response to Randall Crenwelge's letter of February 29, and in addition to the March 14 reply from Luisa Robles, Greenbelt's Sustainability Coordinator. Crenwelge recommends incineration instead of paying for recycling, referencing Ocean City's example. But incineration is not the answer.

Hmmm, they don't incinerate it in Ocean City. Not even in Maryland. Ocean City trucks their waste (including recyclables) to Chester, Penn., to have it incinerated. Did you ever wonder why? Many cities and communities are

shutting down or banning incinerators.

Incinerators emit more greenhouse gas emissions per unit of electricity produced than any other power source, including coal plants. Among the facilities operating in Maryland, the Wheelabrator incinerator in Baltimore emits the highest amount of planet-warming CO2, estimated at 690,033 tons.

In addition to greenhouse gas emissions, incinerators are major sources of toxic air emissions including dioxins, lead, mercury, nitrogen and sulfur oxides, particulates and other organic pollutants of emerging concern. They are often located in low-income neighborhoods since opposition to them is lower.

Don't like toxic emissions? Well, there are ways to reduce them drastically: (1) use high-tech equipment to burn them at very high temperatures to neutralize the toxins; or (2) separate plastics and paper and ensure only these get incinerated. But both of these methods increase costs considerably, eliminating cost savings.

Or the other solution: ban or reduce plastic production and usage, and recycle what does show up in the waste stream.

Unfortunately, even the best solution has tradeoffs.

John Lippert, chair, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES)/Green Team

Correction

In last week's paper we published Ken Loo's photo of an eagle and three smaller birds that were mistakenly identified as young eagles. In fact, by the time an eaglet leaves the nest, it is the same size as an adult. The photo actually depicted three crows behind the eagle, working together in what is known as "mobbing," to chase it off.





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Tues. 7:30 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:30 PM
Sun. 5:30 PM
Mon. 12:30 PM, 5:30 PM
Wed. 7:45 PM

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)
(2024) (125 mins)

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Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 4:00 PM (OC)
Wed. 7:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:45 PM
Mon. 2:45 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM

The Way We Were (PG)
(1973) (113 mins)
Free Cinema Classic

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM




“Revised” by Kenneth Russell Chamberlain (1891-1984) for Puck Magazine, April 14, 1917. Library of Congress.

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Delicate pink spring-blooming camellias are glorious.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Problemista

Alejandro is an aspiring toy designer from El Salvador struggling to bring his unusual ideas to life in New York City. As time runs out on his work visa, a job assisting an erratic art-world outcast becomes his only hope to stay in the country. This semi-autobiographical journey stars writer/director Julio Torres, Tilda Swinton and RZA.

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

In this film, the Spengler family returns to where it all started - the iconic New York City firehouse - to team up with the original Ghostbusters, who've developed a top-secret research lab to take busting ghosts to the next level. But when the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an evil force, Ghostbusters new and old must join forces to protect their home and save the world from a second Ice Age.

The Way We Were

During post-WWII McCarthyism, a diametrically opposed couple, Katie Morosky (Barbra Streisand) and Hubbell Gardiner (Robert Redford) come together to learn some important life lessons. Katie is an idealistic, uptight, Stalin-loving political activist, while Hubbell is an easy-going, athletic, All-American type and talented writer. They eventually find that genuine friendship and physical attraction are not enough to overcome fundamental societal beliefs. Viveca Lindfors plays Paula Reisner with passion.

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Community Events

At the Library

Regular hours for the Greenbelt Library are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2 at all Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) buildings.

Frances Perkins Exhibit

Friday, March 29 to Saturday, March 30: all day, ages 5+ (Elementary/Teen/Adult).

This traveling exhibit, generously loaned to PGCMLS by the Frances Perkins Center, comprises an informative 6-panel display highlighting the life and accomplishments of Frances Perkins. As Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Secretary of Labor and the first woman to hold a cabinet position, Perkins played a pivotal role in shaping the New Deal era. Credited with formulating policies that revitalized the national economy during one of its most severe crises, she is celebrated for her efforts in establishing the foundations of the modern middle class. Perkins’ remarkable journey from modest beginnings in New England to becoming America’s foremost advocate for industrial safety and workers’ rights is a testament to her resilience and determination.

Storytimes

Friday, March 29, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10082719](#).

Monday, April 1, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10196388](#).

Wednesday, April 3, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10196430](#).

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., newborn to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10196727](#).

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, April 3, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10139373](#).

STEM for Families

Thursday, April 4, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12 with adult. The theme is Phases of the Moon. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10198978](#).

Winter Reading Challenge

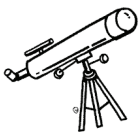
The Wizards Winter Reading Challenge ends on Sunday, March 31. For more information, visit [pgcmls.info/wizards](#).

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, March 30 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome and there is no charge. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own telescopes to set up on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 8:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



GREA Meeting April 2

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 202 at the Community Center and also through Zoom. Agenda items include reviewing the status of the Tribesy JEDI Audit, the Reparations Commission, the last \$1 million of unallocated ARPA funds, Bridging Communities 2024 and GREA meeting frequency for 2024.

For a link to the meeting, go to the GREA website, [greenbeltraciaequity.org/events](#).

Nature From Women’s Eyes Photography

The Hollingsworth Gallery at the National Wildlife Visitor Center invites everyone to a reception on Saturday, April 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. to meet nature photographers and enjoy light refreshments. Located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, the exhibition will feature images of wildlife from around Maryland and Virginia by Jane Gamble, Elaine Starr, Rena Schild, Kathrin Swoboda, Beth Howell and Jane Marsh. The show runs Tuesdays through Saturdays through April.

Arts Advisory Board Meets Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include planning the upcoming Arts Mixer. Greenbelt citizens who may be interested in joining the Board are encouraged to attend. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, write to: [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](#).

GARF Donation Drive Starts Monday, April 1

The Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF), a city recognition group, will hold its third bra and menstrual product donation drive from April 1 to 30 this year. Beneficiary organizations include the nonprofits I Support the Girls and the Greater D.C. Area Diaper Bank, which provide menstrual supplies to the City of Greenbelt’s Pink Pantry project, among many metro region organizations serving women and girls.

New and/or gently-used bras of any size or type and new sealed menstrual products will be accepted. Gently used bras means clean, with no large stains, broken clasps or straps, holes, stretched-out elastic, smoke smell (even after washing), missing underwire, or underwire poking through. Other items such as period panties, menstrual cups and new underpants in unopened packages are also needed.

GARF will be on the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket ramp on Saturdays April 6 and 20 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to receive donations. Donations also can be dropped in bins at the Co-op, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, New Deal Café, Community Center, Granite Building and Choice Clinical Services in Roosevelt Center throughout April.

For more information, email [greenbeltarf@gmail.com](#).

Yarn Donations Please

Gifts from the Heart is a group of knitters and crocheters meeting Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Every year they donate hundreds of hats, scarves, shawls, blankets, walker bags and baby items to schools, churches, nursing homes, Project Linus and other organizations. Donations of acrylic yarn are welcome and may be dropped off when the group meets or at the Community Center office during business hours.

Create Matisse-inspired Artwork for all Ages



PHOTO BY BARBARA COMBS

Artwork by Barbara Combs, inspired by Matisse

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites art makers of all ages to create colorful, cut paper collages inspired by Henri Matisse in a free Artful Afternoon workshop led by Greenbelt teaching artist Barbara Joann Combs. Advance registration is recommended.

Choose from four opportunities on two dates. Sign up online at [https://bit.ly/3TfSoKl](#) to participate on Sunday, April 7 at the Community Center. Sign up at [https://bit.ly/3VfZ0Lq](#) to participate on Sunday, April 14 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

On each date, the workshop will run twice, from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. All materials will be provided. Walk-ins will be welcome as space allows, and while supplies last. English language learners are encouraged to attend; staff will be equipped to engage with guests using Google Translate.

City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](#).

Family Royal Brunch At the Legion

The Greenbelt Legion Auxiliary #136 is hosting a Royal Brunch on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boys and girls may dress in their finest royal attire if they choose. A full brunch will be served along with crafts, prizes, story time, music and a visit from some favorite Disney Princesses.

Adults and children over age 2 need to purchase tickets. Children under 2 are free. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Order them at [eventbrite.com/o/greenbelt-unit-136-american-legion-aux-80282802103](#).

Email Frances Fendlay, [fendlay@msn.com](#), for questions.

Arts Center Presents A Man of No Importance

Through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, Greenbelt Arts Center will present A Man of No Importance for four weekends, opening April 12 and closing May 4.

Alfie Byrne is a bus conductor in 1964 Dublin whose heart holds secrets that he can’t share with anyone but his imagined confidante, Oscar Wilde. When he attempts to put on an amateur production of Wilde’s Salome in the local church hall, he confronts the forces of bigotry and shame over a love “that dare not speak its name.” But the redemptive power of theater changes his life and brings his friends back to his side.

Directed by Julia Arbutus, based on the 1994 Albert Finney film, with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and book by Terrence McNally.

Content warning: A Man of No Importance contains depictions and themes of violence and homophobia and includes slurs and strong language that may be upsetting to some viewers.

Tickets are required and may be purchased online or at the box office.



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All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](#) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube](#) for new video productions.



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Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Hawk Sr.

Bob Hawk died on March 5, 2024, with his family by his side. He was 87 years old and a cherished husband, father, "Pop" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and friend.

Born October 12, 1936, in Washington D.C., Bob grew up in Mount Rainier. He played football and was a proud alumnus of the first graduating class of Northwestern High School in 1955. Upon graduation he served in the National Guard. Later, he and his wife Mary Ann moved to Greenbelt, which has been their home for the last 65 years.

Following his retirement from the Washington Post, he and Mary Ann enjoyed traveling the world together. Puerto Rico, where they once lived for a month, held a particularly special

place in their hearts. Closer to home they enjoyed visits to the beaches of Wildwood, N.J., and Ocean City.

Bob enjoyed attending concerts, particularly music of the 50s and 60s, especially Elvis and Frankie Valli. He also enjoyed baseball and was a fan of the Washington Senators and Washington Nationals. He was a strong supporter of the Washington Redskins, too, for which he was a season ticket holder. Bob also liked to try his luck at casinos, go fishing and crabbing, and cheer on his

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Condolences to the family of Bob Hawk, who lived in Greenbelt for 65 years. He'll be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Our condolences also to the friends and family of Jimmy Dobbin, who grew up in Greenbelt and also made it his home as an adult. He will be remembered for all the joy he brought as Santa Claus, his love of animals and his friendliness.

Congratulations to Karen Yoho on her election as president of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee this month. Much gratitude to its outgoing president (but continuing board member)

Linda Ivy for over 15 years of service in the role.

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Good Friday
March 29

Noon: Stations with the
Confirmandi

2pm: Traditional
Stations of the Cross

7:30pm Liturgy of the
Lord's Passion
(Live Streamed on FB)

Easter Sunday
March 30, 8pm,
The Vigil of Easter
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March 31: 8, 9:30, and 11am
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March 31 3 p.m.
Easter Sunday

Rev. Ann Kadlecsek with Worship Associate Carol Boston

On this Easter Sunday, we'll explore this tradition in the context of our
theme of "transformation." What insights might Easter offer for our own
transformative practices?

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at:
University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Easter Changes
Everything!

Come Discover Why at MCF Community Church
Sundays, 10a - 11:15a
Greenbelt Elementary School
66 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, 20770

MCFcc.org

College Park United Methodist Church
Mowatt Memorial UMC

LENT SEASON

It is a time of self-examination and
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Lenten Bible study

7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m
Wednesdays
thru March 20th

Prior to our bible study at 6 pm, we will
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of soup, bread, and a drink prepared by
our Community Meals Chef, Chris
Hough.

This six-week bible touches on the
experiences of several individuals
around Jesus in his final days,
focusing on a new life and redemption
rather than loss.

9601 Rhode Island Av, College
Park MD

Saturday Egg-stravaganza

1 p.m - 2:30 pm

Kids pre-K through 5th
grade are invited for a
fun-filled Easter egg hunt on
Saturday, March 30th.

Mowatt Memorial UMC, 40 Ridge
Rd, Greenbelt MD

Maundy Thursday, Mar 28th

7 p.m

We will worship the Lord through
reflection, song, and
communion.

Mowatt Memorial UMC, 40 Ridge
Rd, Greenbelt MD

Good Friday, Mar 29th

7 p.m

During this service, we will remember
the passion and death of Jesus. The
gradual extinguishing of the candles is
accompanied by prayer, hymns, and
reading from Scripture.

Mowatt Memorial UMC, 40 Ridge
Rd, Greenbelt MD

Easter Sunday

10 a.m

Invite a friend to join us on
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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 1 - 5

Monday, April 1, **NO MEETING - EASTER MONDAY**

Tuesday, April 2 at 7 pm, **WORK SESSION - COUNCIL RETREAT FOLLOW-UP**

Tuesday, April 2 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, On the Agenda: Planning for Fall Community Meetings Re: Dangers of Radon & Carbon Monoxide**

Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BRIEFING – PERMIT APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL 110’ TEMPORARY T-MOBILE TOWER AT WATER TANK PROPERTY / BUDGET WORK SESSION – PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NORTHERN SECTOR DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AMERICA WEBINARS

April - June, 2024, Thursdays 7-8 pm, Virtual via GoToWebinar

April 4: Difficult Behaviors: What? Where? When? Why?
Join a discussion on Aging Well at Home.

April 11: Long-Term Care Planning

May 2: Nutrition for Older Adults

May 9: Living with a Serious Illness
Join us as we discuss misunderstandings and myths about serious illnesses that make it difficult for patients to receive the appropriate medical support.

June 6: The Positive Path Towards Dementia Aware End of Life Care
Join us as we discuss affirming responses to raise dementia awareness..

June 13: A Place for Dad: One Maryland Caregivers Journal

For more information or to register, please contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov. In partnership with CARES, Dementia Friendly America, the Department of Family Services, and Prince George's County.



NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY 2024 MAY 17, 6:30 - 8:30 AM

Parking Lot of Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 16,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, low-cost commuting option and it provides both physical and mental health benefits. The Greenbelt Pit Stop will be one of 100 Pit stops in the regional area.

Register at biketoworkmetrodc.org;
Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn Reno, dquynnreno@greenbeltmd.gov (240) 542-2053.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019.
To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCntWf9>.

Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

GREENBELT RECREATION'S SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide

Registration currently open. Sign-up today!



PINK PANTRY EVENT

APRIL 3, 10 AM - 12 PM

This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. **Registration is mandatory and must be completed by March 27.**

To register for this event, please utilize the provided link below: <https://forms.gle/gXFVkvYVBFgsqSLf8>.

Contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

ITEMS INCLUDE:
WIPES
PADS
TAMPONS



CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- March Emergency Diaper Program
- Parent & Baby Wellness Fair
April 3, 10 am - 12 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center (see ad above)
- Pink Pantry Event
April 3, 10 am - 12 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center (see ad above)
- Produce Distribution at the Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: March 21, April 18, May 16, from 1 - 3 pm
- Produce Distribution at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: March 21, April 18, May 16, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS.

WEED WARRIORS: INVASIVE PLANT PULL

APRIL 6, 10 AM - 1 PM

Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species.

Register by email at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov.

PARENT & BABY WELLNESS FAIR

April 3, 10 am - 12 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Must register by March 27.

Fair includes health screenings, diapers & other giveaways, nutritional education, period products, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) education, pediatric CPR training, and more.

Contact Brendy Garcia at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or call (240) 424-0302.

Register at <https://forms.gle/jpdsDQFg46d9C3At9>.



FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS

APRIL 18, & MAY 16
TWO LOCATIONS

Community Center Ground Floor East: 1 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION Open Registration

Please remember that you must register each month.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/uYJLegTD7HGjaAz76> or call (240) 424-0302.



GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS Applications Deadlines Extended Through August 30, 2024

To better assist Greenbelt individuals, families, and businesses affected by COVID-19, Greenbelt's ARPA programs have extended deadlines through the end of the year for grants and other assistance.

Grants include:

- Childcare Vouchers, Healthcare Vouchers, Higher Education Scholarships
- First-Time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance, Workforce Development
- Micro Grants, Tree Canopy Grants

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Create Paper Cutouts Inspired by Henri Matisse with Artist Barbara Combs

Sunday, April 7, 1-3 pm, Community Center GFE - Details <https://bit.ly/3TfSoKI>.

Sunday, April 14, 1-3 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln - Details <https://bit.ly/3VfZ0Lq>.

WELCOME KITS

The City of Greenbelt's Public Information Office is now accepting items (e.g., flyers, pens, calendars, maps, postcards, brochures, tchotchkes, etc.) to be added to the 2024 Welcome Kit for new Greenbelt residents. If you want to include any information about your business, club, or organization, please send 200 promotional items to

25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

by Friday, April 19.

Contact candrews@greenbeltmd.gov.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE

Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag bill aims to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system.

The Bring Your Own Bag bill will prohibit a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and can charge at least 10 cents for each paper bag provided to a customer at the point of sale.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOBag.



School News

Families with Flexibility Make The Most of Asynchronous Days

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Tuesday, April 2 will mark the third asynchronous half-day of this school year. **State-approved Virtual Days**

In the January 13, 2023, issue, we reported on some of the challenges faced by parents managing the new virtual days of instruction after the Maryland State Department of Education approved up to eight virtual learning days for that school year. The same number of virtual days (eight) was approved for the current 2023-2024 school year. “The days that may be considered for this opportunity include inclement weather days (i.e., snow days), staff professional learning days, high school graduation days to enable teachers to assist with or attend the graduation, or other similar circumstances,” states the Prince George’s County Virtual Day Instruction Plan.

Of the eight half or full virtual days allowed, no more than three may be asynchronous.

Asynchronous Days

Asynchronous days are those in which lessons or work are posted for completion by students without any live instruction. They are preferred by many parents and students over virtual *synchronous* learning days due to the flexibility they offer in the timing of the completion of assigned work. During remote learning, many children, especially those who are younger, experienced difficulties managing their schedule of online classes while parents were working and faced challenges connecting to virtual rooms or getting links to work. Asynchronous learning, by contrast, allows children and parents to access and complete assignments when they can during the day.

Of course, any day on which schools are closed poses a logistical complication for some parents, especially those who can’t take time off or work from home. So, why do the schools do it? Virtual days and half-days provide school administrators and teachers with some time away from the classroom (they sometimes align with the end of grading periods) while still count-



Adelaide Baker (third grade), Levi Baker (fifth grade) and Hannah Baker (seventh grade) take to the slopes after completing their asynchronous work.



Brothers Nathaniel and Eli De La Paz enjoy dinner out with their mom following their asynchronous assignments.

ing toward the total number of instructional days required in the school year.

The three asynchronous half-days in the school year do provide the opportunity for families with some flexibility to spend much of the day as they wish.

Making the Most of It

Monday, January 22 was the second asynchronous half-day, which arrived, by chance, on the heels of a week in which Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) had only one full school day due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and two back-to-back snowstorms, leaving some working families a little hard-pressed. Yet others were still able to take the opportunity to get out and have fun together.

The Baker family has three children at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School. They made the most of January’s virtual asynchronous half-day by skiing at Whitetail Resort in Pennsylvania. They began their day early with the work that was already posted online but had to wait until the start of the school

day to access some assignments. Their children completed about 90 minutes of work at home and finished the remainder during their drive to the ski slopes. Mom, Kateri Baker, recognized she was fortunate to have flexibility with a part-time job and a hotspot to use in the car.

Another Greenbelt mom and teacher, Jess Mealey, reported that she and her children were able to get their work done in the morning before grandparents took the kids for a lunch date and a walk around the mall. Another mom, Thelma Martinez, said she took the opportunity to break from routine and after completing assignments with her sons, took them out to dinner. Greenbelt second-grader Tae Cahalan reported that it was a “good day.” His father worked from home and after Tae finished his schoolwork in the morning, he was able to play with some friends in his court who were also home from school.

Technology Problems

January’s remote learning experience was not entirely smooth. The platform Clever, which PGCPS uses as the student portal, was unreachable during the afternoon. Students needed to log in to Clever with their PGCPS credentials to access the instructional tools, websites and online textbooks. Canvas, the platform teachers use for their classes (which replaced Blackboard and Google Classroom as the county’s leading management system), was also down. In addition, SchoolMax, PGCPS’ family portal for student information, including grades, was down for part of the day. The county made no announcement about the technological difficulties, but some teachers communicated with students and families about challenges accessing assignments and offered extended deadlines to complete work. Hopefully the technological difficulties will be resolved by the third and final asynchronous half-day this coming week.

You might see more children having fun out and about in Greenbelt on Tuesday.

The author has two children who are PGCPS students..

BELLS continued from page 1

and only three percent should expect their times to change 31-60 minutes, they reported. All six of Greenbelt’s schools will see a change in time, ranging from 15 minutes to one hour and 45 minutes. PGCPS doesn’t mention the possibility of changes being greater than an hour, but for two Greenbelt elementary schools (Greenbelt Elementary and Magnolia Elementary) it will be.

Greenbelt Elementary

Greenbelt Elementary School’s (GES) morning bell is currently 9:15 a.m., with dismissal at 3:25 p.m. Next year’s standard elementary school start time of 7:30 a.m. will be an hour and 45 minutes earlier. While dismissal bells for each school have not been announced yet, the earliest time of 1:40 p.m. would maintain the current length of its school day.

Springhill Lake Elementary

Springhill Lake Elementary School currently begins at 7:45 a.m. and has dismissal at 1:55 p.m. This means its students will begin 15 minutes earlier next year with a starting time of 7:30 a.m. Individual schools’ dismissal bells are yet to be announced but to maintain their length of school day they will likely dismiss 15 minutes earlier at 1:40 p.m.

Magnolia Elementary

Like GES, Magnolia Elementary students will see a change of an hour and 45 minutes. Currently they begin their day at 9:15 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:25 p.m. They’ll have a new start time of 7:30 a.m. and a likely (but not yet announced) dismissal time of 1:40 p.m.

Dora Kennedy French Immersion

As a K-8 specialty school,

Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) should expect to start their day 45 minutes earlier at 8:30 a.m. next year. Currently their school bells are at 9:15 a.m. and 3:55 p.m. To keep the length of the school day consistent they would expect their (yet-to-be-announced) dismissal time to be at 3:10 p.m.

Greenbelt Middle

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) will see a 30-minute change in times. Currently they begin their day at 9 a.m. and end at 3:40 p.m. They should expect to begin their day at 8:30 a.m. next year. Though not yet announced, a dismissal time of 3:10 p.m. would maintain the same length of school day for them.

The new times would see DKFI and GMS with the same start and – likely – dismissals times. The two schools already share buses. (GMS moved to a new building on the same site in August 2012 and DKFI has been located in the former GMS building since 2014, so the two schools are adjacent to one another, though PGCPS plans to move DKFI in 2026.)


Eleanor Roosevelt High

Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s bell times will shift 45 minutes. Currently the school day runs from 8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. They will start 45 minutes later next school year at 9:30 a.m. Their dismissal time has not yet been announced, but will likely be the latest of the six options, 4:10 p.m., to maintain the same number of hours in the school day.


The author has two children who are PGCPS students.



Emmeline Bedford-Dillow (second grade) visits the News Review office during her virtual learning day in January.




A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE



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Open Mic Tuesdays Are Always a Hit at the New Deal Café

by Li'l Dan Celdran

Michael McTrouserpants hosted Open Mic at the New Deal Café on Tuesday, February 27, where a variety of performers sang; played piano, guitar and drums; rapped; recited poetry; and danced. Some were seasoned performers, some were first timers, either performing their own work or covering other artists. There were even costumes and props.

Special guest comedian Mustapha Sidik told stories of how to date while growing up in a strict family. The audience was also treated to a talented young child who played Djembe, a type of drum from West Africa.

Open mics are hosted by dif-

ferent people each week. Depending upon the week's host, sign-ups start at 6:15 or 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening. It's a great time to grab some dinner with neighbors and friends, watch the show and sign up to perform.

Participating is easy. Sign up to perform two songs or eight minutes of performance. Greenbelt is fortunate to have so much talent right here in our "living room." At the New Deal Café a warm and welcoming audience of friends and family applaud and cheer on each act. Stop by sometime.

For more information, visit newdealcafe.com/events/calendar.



PHOTO BY LI'L DAN CELDRAN

Musician Greg Evans and host Michael Cooney (Michael McTrouserpants) at the open mic night on February 27 at the New Deal Café



GHI Pet and Family Disaster Preparedness Planning Event

by Kristine B. White

The 2024 GHI Pet and Family Disaster Preparedness Event will take place at 1 Hamilton Place, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 (rain date is April 7). The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Companion Animal Committee is hosting this event to encourage families to be prepared for emergencies and natural disasters, and to have an emergency plan for their families that includes their pets. Being better prepared for emergencies and disasters strengthens our community and makes it easier for first responders to do their jobs.

First responders and emergency response teams will be available to discuss how to make sure one's family is prepared for an emergency. They will describe their roles during emergencies and share lessons learned responding to emergencies and disasters.

Learn about resources and

items to include in preparation for emergencies. See why it is important to include family pets in an emergency plan. Learn what supplies to have on hand for the family, including pets, in the event of sheltering in place. Learn what a go-bag is, why to have one in the house and in the car, and what a go-bag should contain. Remember pets need go-bags, too.

Well-Wishers for the Animals of Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) volunteers will be available to take family photos including pets against a backdrop. They will explain why one should always have a current photo of family that includes pets. Learn about and sign up for Greenbelt Alerts. See the City of Greenbelt's American Kennel Club Disaster Relief trailer that has everything needed to set up a temporary shelter for pets.

2024 GHI Pet & Family Disaster Preparedness Event

Saturday, April 6
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(Rain date Sunday, April 7)

Have You Made A Plan For **EVERYONE** In Your Family?



Crisis Hotline's New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988 and it's available for phone calls and text messages. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

"No matter what problems you're dealing with, whether or not you're thinking about suicide, if you need someone to lean on for emotional support, call the Lifeline," the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline says on its website at samhsa.gov/find-help/988.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards
of Directors on April 4, 2024

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on January 18, 2024
- b) Contract for Repairs for a GHI Unit
- c) Member Financial Matters
- d) Member Complaint Matters

GDC Closed Meeting – starts after the GHI Closed Meeting ends - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on February 15, 2024
- b) Contract for Boiler Replacement

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of the Closed Meeting held on April 4, 2024
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 18, 2024
- c) Approval of Lender Request – M & T Bank
- d) Review of 2023 Financial Audit
- e) Review LGAC Recommendation – GHI Response to Pending Legislation Board Policy
- f) Review of GHI Board Meeting Procedures Board Policy
- g) Discussion of Annual Meeting Agenda
- h) Approval of Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting
- i) Proposal to hold a Special Board Meeting
- j) Summary of Pipe Replacement Project
- k) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on April 18, 2024

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfumqrD0uHtYmiqajPvD83QyzDVzOIInR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Women in Greenbelt

Women in Politics Panel

On Sunday, March 17, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club hosted a Women in Politics panel featuring local elected officials, including Greenbelt’s Councilmembers Kristen Weaver, Jenni Pompei and Danielle McKinney.



From left, Edmonston Councilmember Kony Serrano-Portillo, Greenbelt Councilmembers Jenni Pompei and Kristen Weaver and moderator Jet Guerrero, president of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club



From left, Edmonston Councilmember Kony Serrano-Portillo, Greenbelt Councilmembers Jenni Pompei and Kristen Weaver, president of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Jet Guerrero, Greenbelt Councilmember Danielle McKinney, New Carrollton Mayor Katrina Dodro and Rachel Jones of Emerge Maryland

- Photos by Nelson Gibson

2024 Boxwood Village Scholarship Now Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, the annual Boxwood yard sale and other activities.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year’s recipient. For the application form and further information, email Pat McAndrew at pamcandrew@mzmlaw.net.



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Bahá’ís and Friends Celebrate Naw-Ruz at Schrom Hills Park

by Jim Fischer



Mayor Emmett Jordan, Three Sisters Garden East coordinator Jennifer Dudley and Joy Allchin from the Greenbelt Baha’i community attend the Naw-Ruz Celebration in Schrom Hills Park.

The Bahá’í community and friends returned to Schrom Hills Park again this year to celebrate Naw-Ruz on Wednesday, March 20, the first day of spring. Lunch and a sharing of songs and poetry about renewal of the spiritual and material worlds preceded a service project. The Bahá’ís in collaboration with Three Sisters Garden East coordinator Jennifer Dudley encouraged participants to help prepare the garden for the growing season. Middle schoolers used their raking skills, learned during their junior youth group neighborhood service project last fall.

The Bahá’ís gave the garden a decorative marker with a favorite quotation from the Bahá’í Writings, “O Friend! In the garden

of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love.” Mayor Emmett Jordan was present to receive the new marker for the garden and speak to the group. He recalled the 2014 dedication of the garden, “the Native Americans found that when they planted beans, squash and corn together each grew faster, so there was a synergy created by these three crops. When CHEARS came together with the Greenbelt Community Foundation with this idea of planting (the Three Sisters) gardens in the three sections of Greenbelt, it was to unify the system of working together for stronger, faster and better growth. It’s a beautiful thing for people to come together to be able to grow flowers, food and sustenance.”

Reel and Meal Seeks Sponsors, Volunteers

For 17 years (and counting) the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café has been holding documentary screenings on the third Monday of the month. The two primary sponsors – the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition – strive to make these events as accessible as possible and to use the events to highlight important causes. They’ve kept the screenings free to the public, and when the Covid pandemic struck, learned how to host the event live on Zoom. They try to spotlight issues ranging from the local level to the international, including the environment, reparations and global conflicts.

They’re now looking to broaden the variety of organizations sponsoring these events, to make the programs even better. Though they have screened over 100 documentaries over the years, that’s only a drop in the bucket of all the documentaries that come out. Their small team does not want to miss out on some of the biggest issues. They also want to make adding input to the events accessible to all. They are happy to train new members on running sound systems, managing hybrid Zoom meetings, the process of securing film screening rights and everything else in between.

Groups interested in joining are invited to send an email to Thies.Daniel@gmail.com.



Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.





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Incidents reported here occurred March 18-24, 2024. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported one domestic; two mental health diversions including one involving suicide; and one resolved missing person case.

Robbery

On March 19 at 6:51 p.m. near 9200 Edmonston Road, two men were robbed at gunpoint by three men who stole their Play Station 5 game; the robbers were recorded on surveillance camera as they fled. On March 22 at 3:25 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man was robbed at gunpoint by subjects he met on social media selling shoes.

Shots Fired

On March 18 at 6:26 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, officers responded to the report of someone chasing and firing a handgun at someone. No one was found, but shell casings were recovered.

Break-ins

On March 18 at 8:25 p.m. near 7826 Hanover Parkway, a window was found open, belongings had been rummaged through and several items were stolen including a rifle. On March 19 at 5:13 p.m. near 6017 Springhill Drive, a residence was broken into and a cellphone and school laptop were stolen. On March 21 near 7800 Lakecrest Drive, a screen door was damaged, indicating an attempted break-in.

Disorderly

On March 22 at 2:45 p.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, one of a group of students from North Carolina on a field trip to this area took an unauthorized photo of another student while he was undressed and shared it with others via text. Proper notifications were made.

Assault

On March 23 at 11:42 p.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, family and friends at an event began to fight; one man was taken to the hospital for treatment for his injuries. On March 24 at 6:32 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers responded to a report of a fight, and observed a victim on the floor. The attacker was arrested. He had a knife but did not use it during the assault.

DUI Arrests

On March 18 at 9:18 p.m. near 7501 Mandan Road, an intoxicated woman was driving in the parking lot; she had alcohol on her breath, failed a sobriety test and was arrested for DUI. On March 24 at 4:29 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a caller said someone had hit her vehicle and was still on the scene, asleep behind the wheel. A sobriety test could not be conducted due to the level of intoxication. The subject was arrested for DUI. On March 24 at 8:30 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Westchester Park Drive, a disabled vehicle was found in the roadway; the driver smelled of alcohol, failed a sobriety test and was charged with DUI.

Fraud

On March 18 near 6101 Breezewood Court, checks were cashed fraudulently. On March 20 near 7307 Hanover Parkway, a bank reported a fraudulent check.

Theft

On March 19 at 8:24 p.m. near 79009 Breezewood Terrace, packages were delivered to the wrong address; officers knocked on the door where the packages were delivered, but the resident denied having them. On March 21 at 12:59 p.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, items were stolen from a hotel room. On March 22 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, items were stolen from an apartment while a woman was moving out. On March 24 at 1:08 p.m. near 6038 Greenbelt Road, a man failed to retrieve his money from a machine and when he went back it was no longer there.

Commercial Theft

On March 19 near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole several items. On March 20 near 5910 Greenbelt Road, three men dumped merchandise into bags and fled the location. On March 21 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, employees captured a man stealing; all items were recovered, and the man was banned. On March 24 near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole several items and fled in a red Honda CRV. On March 24 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a known suspect took merchandise without paying. Loss prevention used CCTV footage to confirm identity; officers filed charges through the Hyattsville Commissioner's Office. On March 24 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man responsible for several store thefts was identified by comparing his MVA photo and CCTV footage; the footage and itemized theft records were added to the case file, and charges were filed with the Hyattsville Commissioner's Office. On March 24 near 6084 Greenbelt Road, an employee discovered a large sum of money was missing.

Vandalism

On March 23 at 6:18 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, a customer became upset during a phone call and broke one of the store fixtures.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

Three vehicles were stolen this week: on March 18, near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 2016 Kia Sorento (Md. 2CH9433),

near 6202 Breezewood Drive, a 2010 Gray Nissan 370Z (Md. 1FH3469); and on March 20 near 6162 Springhill Terrace, a 2000 Dodge Caravan (Va. TLY5560).

Theft from Auto

On March 18 near 7801 Mandan Road, a window was broken and a disability placard was stolen. On March 18 near 7600 Ora Glen Drive, a window was smashed and a purse was stolen. On March 20 at 1:59 a.m. near 7822 Hanover Parkway, a witness saw two men wearing all black removing all four tires from a Honda Accord before fleeing in a black van. On March 20, three 2018 Honda Accords had a window smashed and airbags stolen: near 8011 Mandan Road, near 7818 Hanover Parkway and near 8009 Mandan Road. On March 20 near 9148 Edmonston Road, a work truck had tools stolen. On March 20 near 9156 Springhill Court, a Kia Forte had a window smashed and coins stolen. On March 20 at 1:32 p.m. near 7619 Greenbelt Road, while a woman was pumping gas, someone stole her purse. Camera footage showed a man exiting a Lexus, taking the purse, and fleeing. On March 21 near 108 Lynbrook Court, a front license plate was stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

Windows were broken on several vehicles: on March 18, near 6122 Breezewood Drive and near 6124 Breezewood Drive; on March 19 near 5809 Cherrywood Lane and near 6000 Springhill Drive; on March 21 near 9268 Edmonston Road; and on March 23 near 9240 Springhill Lane.

On March 19 at 1:28 a.m. near 75817 Cherrywood Lane, two vehicles had windows damaged by a man in a black hoodie: a 2013 Toyota Camry and a 2018 Hyundai Sonata. On March 19 near 9112 Edmonston Road, a 2017 Santa Fe had a window and door handle broken. On March 20 near 79140 Edmonston Court, a 2009 Chevy Cobalt had a window broken; a witness saw the window broken by a male in his mid-20s, dressed in all black. On March 23 near 6154 Springhill Terrace, a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado had specks of paint on it.

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previous year, which was constrained due to the pandemic. Councilmembers Jenni Pompei and Danielle McKinney are also participating in the course. Dennis is excited about the interest in the program and the full class. "We want it to be fun. We want it to be engaging, and we want every-

body to be able to get something from it that they can say, 'Hey, that was a good class.' So yeah, I'm excited."

Laura Charleston is a student at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the News Review.

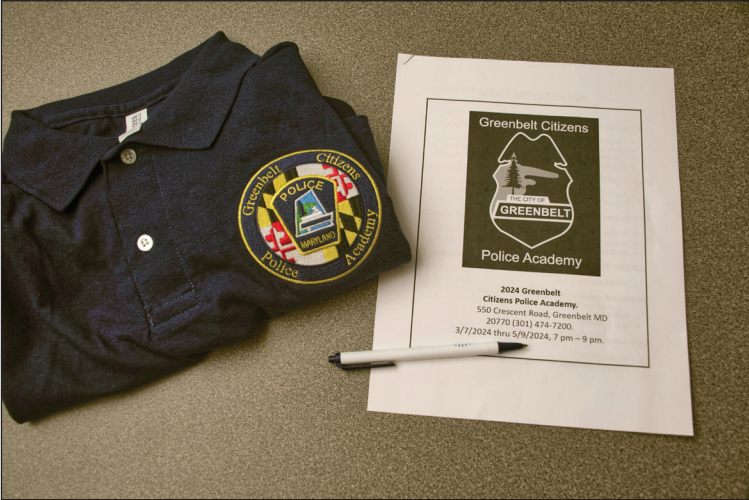


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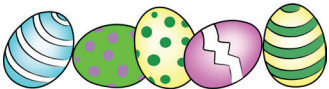
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children at their sporting events. Bob will be deeply missed by his wife of 66 years, Mary Ann, his six children Robert Hawk, Jr., Richard Hawk, Theresa Paolucci (Bob), John (Adele), James (Amalia) and Joseph; his grandchildren Crystal Vasquez (Javier), Amber Hawk, Buddy Paolucci (Arielle), Robert Wesley Hawk III (who preceded him in death), Johnny Hawk and Anna Hawk; his great-grandchildren Javier, Jr., Destiny, Aaliyah, Natalia and Angelica. He was preceded in death by his sister Nancy Arroyo and will be also missed by the Arroyo and D'Esposito family along with a host of other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 11 a.m. at the University Park Church of the Brethren at 4413 Tuckerman Street, University Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (125 Crescent Road).

James Dobbin



James Dobbin

PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

James (Jimmy) Edward Dobbin died peacefully at Holy Cross Hospital on March 13, 2024. Jimmy was born November 2, 1947, to Paul and Lela Dobbin at Garfield Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., where Children's Hospital, Washington Hospital Center and the Veterans Affairs Hospital now stand. Jimmy's parents got married in 1938, applied to live in Greenbelt, were accepted, and moved to Greenbelt from Kansas in that same year and lived at 32 Crescent Road. Paul got drafted during World War II and Paul and Lela moved to San Antonio, Texas. They returned to Greenbelt after his honorable Army discharge in the early 1940s and moved to 1-A

Westway. In 1952 they moved to 13-A Hillside.

Jimmy completed 12 years of school in Greenbelt, graduated and got a job with the federal government, working for the Department of Transportation and the Coast Guard. Jimmy retired in 2002 at the age of 55 after working for the federal government for 37 years.

Jimmy met his beloved wife, Arlie Dobbin (Day) in a bowling league. On April 12, 1975, they got married. Jimmy and Arlie never had children, but they both loved animals, so over their almost 49 years of marriage they adopted many dogs that were thought of as family (and spoiled like children).

Jimmy was a very outgoing man. He loved talking to his neighbors, eating at Joe's, his friends in the bowling league and playing Santa Claus at Beltway Plaza for years. Arlie made a Mrs. Claus costume and joined him greeting the children at Christmas. Both Jimmy and Arlie took adult education classes and were so grateful to continue learning that they began fundraising for Prince George's County Public Schools Adult Education Program at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. At first, they made a bean bag toss, and when they got older and no longer able to continue, they sponsored a food truck and took turns being on site at the Festival where Jimmy loved to sit in his chair and talk to everyone who stopped by.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donald Paul Dobbin, and brother-in-law Frederick William Murphy. He leaves behind his sister, Donna Dobbin Murphy, sister-in-law Sharon Day, niece Dawn Day Smith, nephew Tim Day, niece Brittany Dobbin Cockrell, nephew Joseph Dobbin, grandnephew Hunter Paul Cockrell and many cousins. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

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Numerous city departments presented and recruited at Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Career Fair.

Public Works' Streets crew facilitated a CARES/GAIL produce distribution and Parks/Horticulture trimmed around the Firefly Sanctuary. Environmental/Sustainability led several sustainability meetings and Facilities Maintenance installed cameras at the Community Center and Youth Center.

Animal Shelter residents are six dogs, seven cats, two kittens, a rabbit and a snake.

Recreation and Public Works met with the city manager about Springhill Lake Recreation Center improvements.

The Community Center facilitated a Community Orchestra concert and accommodated Golden Age Club, Concert Band, Honk! Situation, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, Pottery, Scouts, Interfaith Leadership, Community Development, Volksmarchers, Advisory Planning Board, Greenbrook Estates, Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition, Unplugged and 16 rentals. The east entrance elevator now works.

The outdoor pool was drained, cleaned and refilled before starting up the new filter.

Therapeutic Recreation provided inclusion training for Springhill Lake Recreation staff. Museum staff facilitated a Reparations Commission retreat at the Community Center.

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The format for this group is an opening introduction, 30 minutes of silence and then some sharing. All are welcome to attend from all denominations and faith traditions. For more information, contact Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.

Easter Sunrise Service At Buddy Attick Park

An ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Buddy Attick Park on Sunday, March 31 at 7 a.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. The rain location will be the Greenbelt Community Church, at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

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Women of Greenbelt Past

Grace Falke Tugwell: Had Her Own Roles in Greenbelt

by Deanna Dawson

Grace Tugwell was known through most of her adult life as the wife of Rexford Tugwell who, as head of the Resettlement Administration (RA) in the 1930s, led the creation and construction of Greenbelt. But she, then Grace Falke (she married Rex Tugwell in 1938), had her own roles in the construction and development of Greenbelt. She worked for the RA as an assistant administrator for labor, personnel and information, and helped arrange for the trains that brought as many as 5,000 workers daily from Baltimore and Washington to Branchville, where trucks took them to the construction site for the new town. She also selected the furniture that was offered to new Greenbelt residents and drove the RA's involvement with the arts, originating the Special Skills program, a favorite of Eleanor Roosevelt, which sent artists, artisans and musicians to new settlements to instruct residents in folk music, quilting and furniture making and to make public art. Lenore Thomas, who sculpted the Mother and Child statue and the bas reliefs on the Community Center (then Center Elementary School), likely came



Grace Falke works at her desk in the Resettlement Administration in 1938.

to Greenbelt under the auspices of the Special Skills program. Leaving Washington after her marriage, Grace worked in New York with the National Youth Administration, a New Deal agency that provided work and education for those aged 16 to 25. Grace Tugwell accompanied her husband to Puerto Rico where he served as governor from 1941 to 1946 and then to the University of Chicago. While there, she worked in the Hyde Park community to help revitalize the neighborhood around the university. In 1957, the Tugwells moved to Greenbelt to a home they had built in the new Woodland Hills development (Greenbelt News Review, October 13, 1955,

and July 18, 1957). They lived here for several years while Rex did research at the Library of Congress and wrote more books, and Grace worked as assistant to the general manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, then Samuel Ashelman. The Tugwells moved back to Puerto Rico in the early 1960s and then to Santa Barbara, Calif., where Rex was a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions until his death in July 1979 (Greenbelt News Review, August 2, 1979). Grace Tugwell visited Greenbelt, and the Tugwell Room in the Greenbelt Library, in 1982 (Greenbelt News Review, January 21, 1982) and again in May 1987, when she was the honorary chairperson of The Greenbelt Conference on New Towns. She died in Santa Barbara in March 2001 at age 92 (Greenbelt News Review May 3, 2001).



After the Berenbergs divorced in 1950, Freddie and TobyAnne moved to Cuernavaca, Mexico, where Freddie worked for the next 40 years as a writer, translator and instructor in a Spanish language institute. She published an additional book, *Sea Bears: The Story of the Fur Seal* (1960) and, in 1986, was made an honorary citizen of St. Paul Island and awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Alaska. She also worked tirelessly to gather materials and conduct research for a book on the medical units in Spain during the Spanish Civil War but was not able to finish it before her death in Mexico in 1992. Shortly before Freddie's death, TobyAnne donated her mother's papers to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives. The collection transferred to New York University in 2001, with additional materials donated to the collection as recently as December 2023. The journal she kept in the Pribilofs was published in 2010 by University of Alaska Press, *Before the Storm: A Year in the Pribilof Islands, 1941-1942*. To learn even more details of the remarkable life of this one-time Greenbelt resident, go to findingaids.library.nyu.edu/tamwag/alba_001 or alba-valb.org/volunteers/fredericka-imogen-cohen-martin.



Women of Greenbelt Past

Elizabeth Harrington: A Leader And First Female Mayor Here

by Deanna Dawson



Elizabeth Harrington, front left, with the Greenbelt Town Council in 1947

Elizabeth Harrington was the first female mayor in Greenbelt (and possibly the first female mayor in Maryland) but she seemed to be a leader in everything she was involved in. Born in Mississippi, she received a master's degree from Columbia University and worked for 14 years for the national board of the YWCA in New York City, making trips back to the South to work on programs aimed at improving race relations, especially among college students. Harrington and her husband Wells moved to Greenbelt in October 1942. She soon became involved with the Greenbelt Health Association, serving as its membership committee chairperson, and she was chair of the Greenbelt Citizens Association's Community War Fund Drive. Starting in June 1945, she served for a year as president of the Greenbelt Elementary PTA and was elected president of the Prince George's PTA County Council in May 1946 and served for two years. Under her leadership, the county council, which represented 32 local PTAs with a combined membership of more than 5,000 parents and teachers, pushed for the creation of a separate court in Prince George's County for juveniles, in response to the rising juvenile crime rate. The council also pushed for bond issues for school construction (Harrington advocated for a new, larger high school for Greenbelt), higher pay for teachers, reduced class size, kindergarten and state aid in curriculum materials, among other things. Harrington went on to be elected first vice president of the Maryland Congress of PTAs in October 1948. She filed to run for the Greenbelt Town Council in August 1947 and won a seat in a run-off

election. (She was not the first woman elected to council as Ruth Taylor had been elected in the previous term.) Harrington's platform included "resident ownership of the community, upholding of the Greenbelt Consumer Services lease, a town referendum on types and location of private enterprise, expansion of town services and continuation of the city-manager form of government" (Greenbelt Cooperator, September 19, 1947). In 1949 she ran again for council – now the city council, the name having been changed officially in June 1949 – and, as the top vote getter was unanimously elected mayor of Greenbelt by her council colleagues. During the years Harrington served on council and as mayor, her name appeared in nearly every issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator, often multiple times. An editorial in the September 22, 1949, issue acknowledged "her impressive record of service to the community before and during her [first] two years on the city council" and reported that among voters "her name was mentioned constantly, coupled with such adjectives as honesty, integrity and independence." Her resignation in June 1951 and her family's subsequent move to University Park must have left a significant void in the Greenbelt community. Harrington remained active in the county PTA council, pressing for racial integration of Prince George's Schools following the 1954 Supreme Court decision that held segregation unconstitutional. She also resumed working for the YWCA and was director of the YWCA branch in Far Southeast Washington until her retirement in 1968. She died in January 1990 at age 87.



Greenbelt Mayor Elizabeth Harrington with Frank Lastner, who became mayor following Harrington's resignation in 1951